

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21st, 1880.
To the Editor of the *Platte River Commercial Advertiser*.
DEAR SIR:—Kahabli has grown so large a late
interest to furnish an item now and then
interest to outsiders.
We are sorry to record the first accident of a
foreign vessel since this place has been made
port of entry. The tern *Herz* arrived here
Monday, the 19th. She was a small schooner,
buys without taking on a pilot and struck on
reef about a quarter of a mile from the mooring
place. She she struck on the reef, and the
anchor taken out, which with another was laid
astern of the vessel, and efforts were made to
pull her off, but she was too tight. The crew
were engaged since in bringing the coal
which she is loaded, off in lighters, and the crew
of the *Herz*, and an extra gang of men
worked last night to throw overboard all the
tons of coal.
The vessel is still on the reef although a gang
of men engaged in lighters, and the water
is smooth and there is a very little swell, and
if this weather continues hopes are entertained
that the vessel may get off. But if the weather
northerly swell set in, she will go to pieces. The
loss is no lack say, although the vessel has lost
nothing.
The Captain says he was eight days from Horn
and had very heavy weather all the time, and
lost his anchor and sustained a good deal of
other damage, and had only two days supply
of water, and not being fit for sea was his reason
attempting to come in without a pilot. He had
a crew of 12 men, and a cargo of 100 tons of
coal.
LATER.—At 10 o'clock, a. m., the tern *Herz* was
just got off the reef, and has come to anchor in a

Foreign News.

Per CYANIDE, January 23d.

Boston, Jan. 23.—Bishop Gilbert Haven, of Methodist Episcopal Church, died at the residence of his mother, in Malden, at six o'clock this afternoon, after an illness of several weeks.

New Orleans, Jan. 23.—The Grand jury recommends that gambling houses be taxed \$5000 a year, so that they may contribute to the public treasury, as they are not suppressed, owing to the inability of procuring evidence adequate to conviction.

De Loeßes has inaugurated the work of a department for a sea level canal. He says it has no fear of any speculative scheme to be inaugurated under Grant.

At Cabul, the Military Commission has been sent to try prisoners of whom have been sentenced to be hanged on the 30th. The execution was to have killed Jenkys, Secretary of Major Cavasari's Embassy.

Official denunciation headed by the Ma-

quels of Hamilton, waited upon the Right Hon. John Lewis, Under-Secretary for Ireland, to ask him to write to the Government in support of the construction of a railway from Donegal to Caidy, as a relief work. Lowther promised to lay the matter before the Treasury.

Sir George W. B. Telegraphed to Sir Robert G. G. to advise him of the progress of the work. Sir Robert to believe the alarming reports from the Transvaal. He says there was a great want of uniformity in the reports, and that the Government at a resolution was adopted in favor of maintaining a demand for the independence of the Transvaal.

Boston, Dec. 28th.—About 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in the rear of the paper warehouse of Rice, Kendall & Co., on Federal street, near Franklin street. The fire was caused by a gas lamp, which was very valuable property, including Houghton, Osgood & Co.'s publishing establishment, on Devon street, and the printing press of the Boston House on Franklin street, is in great danger. The flames are spreading rapidly, and the entire Fire Department of the city has been called out. The fire is located in the rear of the building, and the new portion of the city is in jeopardy. It is impossible to obtain further particulars until later.

The fire is now under control, and the fire is completely under control. The loss, so far, is not so heavy as at first estimated, though many stores and houses in the rear of the building have been destroyed. A very did not suffer from fire, though their stock

is damaged considerably by water. The firms that have been closed are those of Rice, Kendall & Co., Houghton, Osgood & Co., and the firm of Messrs. Company. Many of the smaller firms, located on the same block on Federal and Desborens streets, suffered from the same fate. It is estimated that it is impossible at this hour to estimate. S. D. Warner, paper manufacturer, W. F. Brown & Co., printers, and the firm of Kendall & Co., printers, are the firms that have been closed. Earl & Prew's Providence Express, in addition to those already mentioned are heavy sufferers. The loss of the Kendall & Co. printing establishment was valued at nearly \$200,000, and the business was valued at \$72,000. The insurance is very heavy, and will, it is thought, cover the entire loss, but at this late hour it is not possible to say. The fire occurred during the fire in the North Bank building, and some firemen were injured.

London, Dec. 11.—A telegram from Lahore states that further disturbances are expected at Hرات, and a brigade will embark at Bombay, immediately on the 12th inst.

The London Telegraph speaks for the trusteeship of a communication, dated Kensington, Dec. 11th, asserting that a distribution of the Russian Empire into provinces, and that Russia's western portion of the Empire, and that Russia's effective forces are being increased in far greater numbers than in any other part of the world. It is filling up vacancies left by the Russo-Turkish war.

PORTLAND Jan. 8.—An Augusta despatch to the

It is currently reported that a stock company

Francisco, with a heavy capital, has been formed in this city for the purpose of introducing Edison's new electric lighting system here. It is believed that the company has already started East, and it is not at all probable that while Eastern scientists are wrangling over the feasibility of Edison's invention, the San Francisco Electric Light & Power Company will give the matter a thorough and practical test.—*Allan.*

Sugar Refinery Company yesterday secured the Bay Sugar Refinery property on the southwest corner of Battery and Union streets, paying the \$700,000 purchase price in cash. The company is now completing refineries instead of three as previously supposed. The following is from the Commercial Herald of this date: "The American Sugar Refining Company, which has recently acquired the Long & Co. are the leading spirits have secured an eligible site for their refinery at North Beach, and very soon will begin construction. This move, they say, making a strong beginning. Their new refining building will be very near the locality of the old one, and the new plant will be equipped with every carmine with it the right to use their patent for making the 'superior Cane Sugar.'—*Jb.*"

Arcera, Mass., Jan. 9th.—Early this morning Major General John A. Bland was called to the order, stating that in view of the extraordinary situation now presented at the seat of Government he had seen fit to resign his position as military property and institutions of the State in

trust for the people until the Governor's successor could be appointed.

This order General Chamberlain assumes temporarily the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief. The entire police force at the Sultan Hamud camp was changed over morning, the soldiers being by Chamberlain taking the place of those drilling under several weeks. The change was quietly made.

Humboldt papers of the 7th inst. report the barkentine *Monitor* from Honolulu, outside the day port of Papeete, had been captured by the schooner *Pica* and *Rig Riser* in the same predicament. It was blowing a heavy southeast gale all that night.

Jan. 7th.—The detailed reports of Russian military preparations which come from various points on the Austrian and German frontiers are all very alarming. They indicate that Europe. A pamphlet has just been issued in Germany, wherein the frontier defences of Germany and Russia are described as being so weakly equipped that advantages of different plans of invasion could easily be canvassed.

Before the invasion of Cabul, Mianistan Jan wrote to the British saying that indicating for the present retiring, the Afghans would not cease hostilities until the British were driven from Afghanistan.

Bismarck has definitely approved the scheme for granting a Government subvention to joint stock companies.